

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, President Donald Trump addressed the nation during his inaugural address by laying out his priorities for the new administration and his future vision for our country. Among his priorities is to incentivize private investments in infrastructure through tax incentives and public-private partnerships.

Tax incentives and public-private partnerships are simply two elements that I believe should be part of a larger, more comprehensive infrastructure plan. A truly comprehensive plan will include direct spending and invests real dollars in both rural and urban communities. So far, the only portions of President Trump's infrastructure plan that have been made public include \$100 billion in tax breaks to private investors. I believe that President Trump is deeply misguided in relying solely on tax breaks to miraculously spur investments in our decaying transportation network. We need to include a healthy mix of direct spending, tax incentives, public-private partnerships, and sensible public policies if we are to sufficiently address the infrastructure needs across the country.

Our highways, railways, and airways serve as the arteries that drive the U.S. economy. As our nation's population continues to grow and become more diverse, the growth of our transportation infrastructure needs to keep pace. Texas is projected to account for nearly fifteen percent of all the national population growth through 2030. Yet, it has become increasingly difficult to make the investments that we need to properly maintain and build up the state's infrastructure due to dwindling federal funding for transportation projects. President Trump's plan in its current form falls drastically short of the necessary steps that we must take in order to modernize our crumbling infrastructure.

Mr. Speaker, it has been and continues to be my intention to give President Trump a fair chance at proving to the American people that he is serious about bringing real solutions to our nation's problems to the table. I strongly encourage this administration to present a well-rounded infrastructure plan that goes beyond merely hand-outs to corporations, and also includes the direct spending that is so desperately needed.

#### RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation from the House of Representatives:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, January 23, 2017.

Hon. PAUL RYAN,  
Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This letter is to inform you that I have sent a letter to Kansas Governor Sam Brownback informing him that I am resigning my position as the United States Representative for the 4th Congressional District of Kansas effective upon my confirmation as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

In November, I was nominated by then President-elect Donald Trump to serve as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency and have now been confirmed to have the privilege to serve in that role. I am truly

honored that President Trump has given me the opportunity to lead an amazing organization filled with men and women who put their lives on the line for the safety and security of every American.

I want to thank you for all you have done to make the House of Representatives live up to its constitutional duty to represent all Americans. Thank you too for your personal assistance in working with me on the issues that impact all Americans, but, especially, those who I have had the privilege to represent from South Central Kansas. There is much work to do legislatively; I will miss working to be part of this historic opportunity now laid before us.

I look forward to continuing to work with all of you as we strive to keep America safe. My commitment to keeping you and the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence fully informed on important intelligence matters is sincere and continuing.

Sincerely,

MIKE POMPEO,  
Member of Congress.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, January 23, 2017.

Hon. SAM BROWNBACK,  
Governor, State of Kansas,  
Topeka, Kansas.

DEAR GOVERNOR BROWNBACK: I have now been confirmed by the United States Senate to serve as the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. I am hereby resigning my position as the United States Representative for the 4th Congressional District of Kansas effective upon my confirmation as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

I have genuinely been privileged to represent the people of South Central Kansas in Congress. Kansans are inspiring, compassionate, and hard-working. To serve them in this fashion has been a true honor I will always cherish.

The opportunity to lead the world's finest intelligence warriors was a call to service I could not ignore. I am truly honored that President Trump has given me this opportunity. The men and women of the CIA are the world's finest intelligence professionals the world has ever known. Their integrity, passion, and commitment to keeping our nation safe is unquestionable. I am excited to lead them during this dangerous time around the world.

Sincerely,

MIKE POMPEO,  
Member of Congress.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. POMPEO), the whole number of the House is 434.

#### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to clause 11 of rule X, clause 11 of rule I, and the order of the House of January 3, 2017, of the following Member of the House to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:

Mr. HURD, Texas

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. KAPTUR (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of bad weather affecting travel.

Mrs. LAWRENCE (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of bad weather affecting travel.

Mr. PAYNE (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of medical appointments.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Ms. PLASKETT. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 22 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, January 24, 2017, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

303. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a letter reporting a violation of the Antideficiency Act, in the Department of Homeland Security's Office of the Chief Information Officer during Fiscal Year 2013, pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 1254(n)(3); June 30, 1948, ch. 758, title I, Sec. 104(n)(3) (as amended by Public Law 95-217, Sec. 6); (91 Stat. 1567); to the Committee on Appropriations.

304. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Food and Drug Administration's Fiscal Year 2016 Performance Report to Congress for the Animal Drug User Fee Act; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

305. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Food and Drug Administration's Fiscal Year 2016 Performance Report to Congress for the Animal Generic Drug User Fee Act; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

306. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Possession, Use, and Transfer of Select Agents and Toxins; Biennial Review of the List of Select Agents and Toxins and Enhanced Biosafety Requirements [Docket No.: CDC-2015-0006] (RIN: 0920-AA59) received January 18, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

307. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program: Revisions to the Vaccine Injury Table (RIN: 0906-AB01) received January 18, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

308. A letter from the Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, DEA, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final rule — Revision of Import and Export Requirements for Controlled Substances, Listed Chemicals, and Tableting and Encapsulating Machines, Including Changes To Implement the International